(ii) Scheme of Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/ fitting of aids/appliances:—

This scheme was launched on the occasion Of the International Year of Disabled Persons (1981) with the object of providing neces. sary aids to the disabled persons for their physical rehabilitation. Under the scheme grants are given lo Voluntary Organisations including autonomous bodies under the State/Central Governments to provide aids whose value ranges between Rs. 25/- and Rs. 3,000/. to disabled perons (i) free of cost if their income is less than Rs. 1200/-p.m. and (ii) at 50% cost if the income ranges between Rs. 1201/-to Rs. 2500/-. The scheme is now implemented through implementing agencies spread all over the country. The details of grant released during 1984-85, 1985-86 and 1986-87 to State of Madhya Pradesh is as under:—

1984-85	. . .	Rs.3, 00,000-00
1985-86	. .	.Rs. 2,20,000-00
1986-87	. .	.Rs. 4,30,000.00

(iii) Scholarships for the Disabled Persons:—

Realising that handicapping condition is usually coupled with poverty) Government of India have a scheme for providing scholarships to physically handicapped students for pursuing education from IX class onwards. Scholarships are also provided for technical and professional training, correspondence courses of study, and on the job training of the handicapped. In addition to the scholarship which varies depending on the course of study, reader's allowance to the blind, prosthetic/transport allowance to orthopaedically handicapped is also available. The fund released to Madhya Pradesh Government under the scheme during 1984-85, 1985-86 and 1986-87 is as under:—

1984-85	. . .	Rs. 17,00,000
1985-86	. . .	Rs. —
1986-87	. . .	Rs. 29,21,189

(iv) District Rehabilitation Centre:—

The fund relased to Madhya Pradesh Government under the Scheme during 1984-85, 1985-86 and 1986-87 is as under:

1984-85	. . .	—
1985-86	. . .	Rs. 15,60,000.00
1986-87	. . .	—

This is a pilot projected sanctioned in March '86 covering 2 Primary Health Centres in the District of Bilaspur (Madhya Pradesh) where comprehensive services to the disabled including children are provided. This scheme is being implemented directly by the Government of Madhya Pradesh.

Wheat demanded by Maharashtra

1826. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total quantity of wheat requested by Government of Maharashtra for relief work at concessional rates during the period April, 1987 to January, 1988;

(b) whether the demand has been met; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) 40,000 Tonnes of wheat.

(b) No, Sir.

(cT As per the current policy of Government of India, foodgrains are to be allocated to the State Governments for drought' relief works only at the issue price for Public Distribution System (PDS).